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## News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire

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### Meetings this week:

#### **School Board, Nov. 23, 5 p.m.**

The School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in School Board Chambers at the McConnell Center.

Friday, November 20, 2015



## Parking garage permits now available

Permits for the new parking garage are now available at the Dover Police station, 46 Locust St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m to 3:30 p.m. A parking permit is \$45 per month and allows for parking at any time, every day.

A permit can be purchased for one month or up to a seven-month permit that expires at the end of June. Cash or checks are accepted, but not credit cards.

The new parking garage is expected to open this month.

The new parking garage on Orchard Street uses "Pay by Space" metering technology. This technology offers additional, convenient options for motorists accustomed to

To view the agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit [www.dover.nh.gov/dntv](http://www.dover.nh.gov/dntv).

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



**CITY OF DOVER, NH**  
288 Central Avenue  
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603-516-6000

**City Hall hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Recycling Center hours:**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Want the latest news and important information about

the existing downtown EasyPark personal metering system. More information on the new parking garage and Pay by Space system can be found at [drivingdover.com](http://drivingdover.com).

For more information, contact the City of Dover Parking Bureau at 603-516-2277 or [parking@dover.nh.gov](mailto:parking@dover.nh.gov).

## Your City needs you!

### City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

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## Dover tax rate not yet set by state Department of Revenue Administration

The City of Dover's tax rate has not yet been set by the state Department of Revenue Administration. As a result, tax bills are not yet available. Once the tax rate is set and certified by the DRA, tax bills will be prepared and mailed to property owners as soon as possible.

The first half of the tax bill is due 30 days from the actual mailing date, and the second half is due by June 1, 2016.

Although not yet certified, the City has received a preliminary fiscal year 2016 property tax rate calculation from the state DRA, which is \$26.61 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The City does not expect the rate to change, once certified. The preliminary tax rate of \$26.61 represents a 60-cent increase over the current tax rate, or 2.3 percent.

For more information, contact the City of Dover Finance Department at 6013-516-6030.

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## Dover's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 4

The 30th annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Henry Law Park will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at 6 p.m.

This year's Christmas Tree, located in Henry Law Park, was donated by the Lavoie family of Dover.

Joyful Voices will lead attendees in singing popular Christmas songs around the tree.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this family tradition, held each holiday season, and to bring a weather-appropriate ornament to hang on the tree. After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and speak with the children.

Please dress warm and join in for some caroling around the tree.

For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 516-6401.

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## City of Dover thanks business

## owners after sign sweep

The City of Dover Department of Planning and Community Development would like to thank the City's business owners for compliance with its sign ordinance. This recognition comes after staff held the second illegal off-site sign clean-up of 2015, conducted on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015. A total of six signs were confiscated.

The sign removal action was warranted because the placement of these temporary signs in public rights-of-way, on utility poles and attached to trees is not permitted by the Dover Zoning Ordinance and may cause a safety hazard for traveling motorists or create a visual blight that is unsightly for residents and visitors. These signs also detract from legitimate business signs that have gone through the proper permitting process.

"I am very pleased with our results," said Christopher Parker, Assistant City Manager. "Over the past five years, we have made substantial and sustained progress in enforcing the ban on off-site signage." The last sign clean-up, in March 2015, yielded 12 illegal signs.

When the Planning Department began its focus in 2010 on ridding the City of off-site signs, the sweeps were conducted on a quarterly basis and could net up to 80 signs at a time. However, as a result of their success, sweeps are now only conducted as needed.

Owners of these signs were advised to remove the illegal signs in advance of this clean-up effort. Any sign that was confiscated will be held for thirty days prior to being recycled or destroyed, unless the sign is claimed by the owner after paying a reclamation fee and agreeing not to re-offend. Repeat offenders may be subject to prosecution and fines.

For more information or to obtain a permit for a sign, please contact Assistant City Planner Elena Piekut at 516-6008 or [e.piekut@dover.nh.gov](mailto:e.piekut@dover.nh.gov).

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## Police begin accepting names for Christmas baskets Nov. 30

Police Chief Anthony F. Colarusso, Jr. announced Wednesday that the Dover Police Department will begin accepting names of needy families residing in Dover for the annual Christmas Basket Program starting Nov. 30.

The Police Department sponsors this program each December to provide Christmas dinners to families in Dover. Last year, 150 baskets of food were distributed to families throughout the community, which provided meals to



more than 500 people.

In addition, a large quantity of food was provided to a local soup kitchen, the Food Pantry, the Dover Children's Home and My Friend's Place homeless shelter. Once again, up to 150 Christmas Baskets will be distributed.

In order to make this program a success, donations are needed from the community. Non-perishable food items, canned goods, or monetary donations (checks should be made payable to Dover Police Charities) will be accepted at the Dover Police Department, 46 Locust St. If you cannot arrange for delivery to the police station, call 603-742-4646 and pick up will be arranged.

Volunteers from the Dover Police Department will prepare and deliver the baskets on Dec. 19.

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## City of Dover survey seeks community feedback

The City of Dover is asking residents to participate in [The 2015 National Citizen Survey](#). The survey is designed to provide a baseline of how the City's government is serving residents, to gauge perceptions of the city and to make comparisons with peer cities.

The city contracted with National Research Center, Inc. to participate in The NCS, an instrument that was developed in partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in 2001 to provide cities with a low-cost, high-quality method to conduct market research.

The survey centers on community livability and includes questions about the quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and resident use of services.

The survey is now open to everyone, and can be [accessed here](#). The direct link is: [www.n-r-c.com/survey/doversurvey2015.htm](http://www.n-r-c.com/survey/doversurvey2015.htm).

Recently, a random and scientific sample of 1,400 households received invitations by mail to participate in the survey. That portion of the survey has closed.

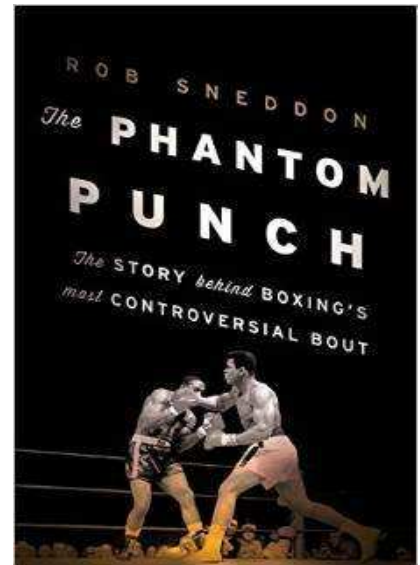
"Participation in the survey is very important," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Feedback from this survey helps guide decisions that affect our City."

The National Citizen Survey was among the first scientific surveys developed to gather resident opinion on a range of community issues, and has been used in more than 350

jurisdictions across 46 states. The NCS is a high-quality cost-effective scientific survey of resident opinion and an important benchmarking tool that allows for comparison among communities. Communities using The NCS have reported that the tool helped improve performance, strengthen communications with community stakeholders, and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

## Local author Rob Sneddon to speak at the Dover Library Dec. 1

Somersworth resident Rob Sneddon will speak at the Dover Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. Sneddon's latest book, "The Phantom Punch," published by Down East Books, an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield, has recently been released to wide acclaim.



The Phantom Punch is the story behind boxing's most controversial bout and features a New England connection. The two fights between Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston were among the most controversial in heavyweight boxing history. Ali, still known as Cassius Clay, won the first bout in Miami Beach in February 1964, when Liston refused to come out for the seventh round. The second fight took place in Lewiston, Maine, fifteen months later. Halfway through the first round, Ali countered a left from Liston with a fast right, knocking Liston down and seemingly out. That single lightning-quick blow, which many spectators didn't see, was dubbed the "phantom punch" -- and it triggered a complex chain reaction of events that few people understood, either then or now. Even if you've seen films of the fight and think you know what happened, this book will change your perspective on boxing's greatest controversy.

Praise for The Phantom Punch: "In this intriguing, exhaustively researched chronicle, Sneddon examines the infamous 'phantom punch' that ended the second Ali-Liston bout in May of 1965.... Against a backdrop of political assassinations and the rising turmoil of the '60s, one venue after another rejected the chance to present the [fight], leaving



Lewiston, Maine, to claim the spotlight. While Sneddon's ostensible subject is the phantom punch -- a seemingly innocuous blow that K.O.'d Liston in the first round-he is equally concerned with New England characters such as promoters Sam Michael and 'Suitcase' Sam Silverman. Diligent historical research allows Sneddon to convincingly evoke the surreal marriage of a heavyweight title bout with an economically struggling city"

**Rob Sneddon**

Publisher Weekly

Rob Sneddon is a contributing editor at Down East magazine and author of Boston's 100 Greatest Games. His work has appeared in a variety of publications, including the Boston Globe, and has been cited in the Best American Sports Writing anthology. He lives in New Hampshire with his wife and son.

Sneddon will have copies of both his books for sale and will sign copies.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m; and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.



## Dover Turkey Trot 5k benefits Garrison School PTA

It's not too late to register for the Dover Turkey Trot 5k, the 11th and final race of the Dover Race Series.

Earn a Dover Race Series jacket or just come for a great time with the family Thanksgiving morning. Run or walk

Dover Turkey Trot and make it your Thanksgiving morning tradition.

Dover Turkey Trot is a 5k road race designed for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Fun Thanksgiving themed prizes will be awarded to first place male and female winners of all age groups. Additional prizes will be awarded to first place boy and girl in grades K-4.

All proceeds benefit the Garrison School PTA.

Online registration closes Tuesday, Nov. 24, but you can still sign up at pre-race bib pick-up 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 25 or sign up race day. Race day prices increase to \$25 for adults and \$15 for students K through 4th grade.

To register online, visit <http://www.doverturkeytrot.com/>.



## Western National Parks travelogue at the Dover Public Library

In September 2013 Ann Schultz and John Damon, two folks enjoying their sunset years, left New Hampshire for a year out west on a motor home adventure towing a bright yellow VW convertible bug named Cupcake. Ann says, "This type of adventure is not for everyone, even if they think they would like living in an 8 by 31 foot space for 12 months, and driving 200 to 300 hundred miles to a new venue every week. It is a life choice, not without its challenges. It is easier said than done to cancel one's entire schedule of life activities, say good-bye to friends and family, and strike out for the unknown with a new companion.

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., Ann and John will share



stories from this adventure at the Dover Public Library through pictures and stories. Some of the highlights of the trip were seeing Bryce, Zion and Yosemite National parks, Crater Lake and Lake Tahoe. Folks who enjoy hearing about trips and those who are thinking of taking a similar trip will want to attend this program.

The program is free and open to the public.

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## Dover Chamber's annual Festival of Trees is Dec. 4

Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and celebrate the holiday season at the sixth annual Festival of Trees on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, from 4-8 p.m., at Dover City Hall. The event is underwritten by Kennebunk Savings Bank.




On display will be 35 beautifully decorated trees for auction with values from \$100 to \$6,000. Make a bid to go home with these one-of-a-kind trees.


For more information, visit the Chamber [website here](#).





The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.


For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at


  
**Nov. 22, 1824** - The town voted to give \$5,000 towards the building of a new stone Jail, provided the same should be erected in Dover.

  
**Nov. 21, 1826** - Proposals were issued by a committee of the citizens of Dover, in behalf of the town and county, for the building of a new Jail on Silver street.

  
**Nov. 20, 1841** - The town voted to distribute the surplus revenue, except that part which had been appropriated to the payment of poll taxes, in equal proportions among the legal voters of the town and the widows of citizens.

  
**Nov. 23, 1859** - Mrs. J. Stone of Tuftonboro is killed at the train depot in Dover attempting to get on the cars - she being on her way to Boston to spend Thanksgiving with her son.

  
**Nov. 20, 1920** - The Hotel Leighton on Third Street advertises a Thanksgiving dinner for \$1, beginning at noon on Thanksgiving. Among the dishes served are Consomme Britaniere Royal, Roast Stuffed Vermont Turkey, Roast Stuffed Chicken with Giblet Gravy, Fried Fillet of Sole, Green Apple Fritters, and a wide variety of soups.

  
**Nov. 20, 1930** - The keys to the new National Guard Armory in Dover are turned over to Battery B. It will formally be opened to the public on Nov. 25.

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## Sunday hours at the Recycling Center continue

The City of Dover Recycling Center on Mast Road will open for additional weekly hours for several Sundays in November.

The Recycling Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Sundays:

- Nov. 22
- Nov. 29

The Recycling Center's regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about the Recycling Center, [click here](#).

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## Dover Chamber seeking nominations for annual awards

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for their Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner Jan. 22, 2016.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information, or to nominate a business, organization or person, [click here](#).

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### CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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## MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

To see what positions the City is seeking to fill, [click here](#).

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## Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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## Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit [www.dovernh.viebit.com](http://www.dovernh.viebit.com) to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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